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SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT FRANCE SERVE AS U.S. PROTECTING
POWER

REF: (A) 099923 (B) PARIS 11366

1. QUAI DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS LABOULAYE
INFORMED DCM MAY 7 THAT GOF HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO
BE PROTECTING POWER FOR U.S. IN SVN. SINCE PRG HAS NOT
BEEN FORMALLY ESTABLISHED AND DECLARED IN SAIGON, GOF
HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH PRG ON
SUCH MATTERS. IN ADDITION, WITH NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH
A GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON, GOF DID NOT SEE THAT IT COULD
BE VERY EFFECTIVE IN PROTECTING ANYONE'S INTEREST. GOF
HAD REPORT THAT PRG FOREIGN MINISTER MME. BINH WAS
PROCEEDING TO SAIGON FROM DANANG AND LABOULAYE THOUGHT
THE SVN SITUATION MIGHT SOON BE REGULARIZED. LABOULAYE
NOTED THAT IT WAS NOT EVEN CLEAR WHETHER PRG WOULD
ACCEPT EXISTING EMBASSY IN SAIGON HEADED BY AMBASSADOR
MERILLON OR WOULD PREFER AS NEW DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTA-
TIVE FRENCH SPECIAL DELEGATE TO PRG, MICHEL HURIET.

2. LABOULAYE NOTED THAT WHEN GOF HAD AGREED TO BE
PROTECTING POWER FOR FOUR OTHER COUNTRIES, GVN HAD
STILL BEEN IN EXISTENCE.

3. IN SUM, LABOULAYE ASSURES US THAT AGREEMENT TO
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PROTECT U.S. INTERESTS HAS PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL AND

NOW DEPENDS ONLY ON OBTAINING PRG CONCURRENCE.

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